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Saturday 9am-2pm

Sunday CLOSED

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H.A.L.T.LINE NEWS

Thank you to all the new H.A.L.T. line Volunteers! We still have hours available that need to be covered on the H.A.L.T. line.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

What is the HALT line? One alcoholic talking to another alcoholic. Isn't that what AA is all about?

"Talk to a drunk", you may be the link in the chain that could save their life.

What volunteers do:

- Give out current meeting list information.
- Talk and/or listen to a sober alcoholic in danger of picking up a drink.
- Talk to those seeking help with their drinking problem.

What do you need to volunteer?

A phone

One year of sobriety is recommended.

Meeting list

A phone (touch tone or cell phone)

An hour of your time.

Great way to do service without leaving your home.

If you would like information please email haltline@aaworcester.org.

Will train the right candidate - great pay - HUGE REWARDS! **From time to time the HALT Line will be rewarding volunteers for their time and dedication by awarding someone with a subscription to the GRAPEVINE.**

Local Service Meetings

Intergroup Steering Committee* - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St.
Shrewsbury, MA —6:00pm

Intergroup Delegates* - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St. Shrewsbury, MA
—7:00pm

**The Intergroup meetings occur the second THURSDAY of each month.*



On-Line 12 Steps &
12 Traditions, Arti-
cles, and Tradition
Checklists

www.aagrapevine.org

Traditions Checklist

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through October 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

STEP TEN: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

TRADITION TEN:

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST:

- Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
- Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
- What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
- Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
- What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
- Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
- How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

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Are you willing to carry the message to an alcoholic in need?

Are you willing to help an alcoholic in need? The intergroup delegates are working to devise an updated list of people willing to volunteer for "12 Step calls". This information will be kept **CONFIDENTIAL** and only be used by the HALT line chair and other appropriate individuals. Please complete the "**12 Step Volunteer Application**" on page 6 and return to your groups Intergroup representative or drop of at the Intergroup office. You may also mail the completed application to: Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St, Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

Weekend of Fellowship

Come Along With Us!

Friday:

2:00 pm - Registration Opens
3:30 pm - Convention Begins
6:00 pm - Alkathon Starts
8:00 pm - Theme Meeting
10:00 pm - **DANCE!**

Saturday:

7:00 am - Convention Resumes
WINE! - on your own!
1:30 pm - Convention Resumes
4:30 pm - Alkathon/Keynote Speaker
6:30 pm - Banquet
8:30 pm - Keynote Speaker
10:00 pm - **DANCE!**

Sunday:

8:30 am - Convention Resumes
10:00 am - Spiritual Meeting
11:30 am - Wrap-Up Meeting

Committee Contacts:

Chair: John H. 617-797-0551
Registrar: Jean K. 617-302-2224
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Armando S. 413-534-3475
Spanish: Lon T. 508-794-1173
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E-mail: mastateconvention@aaenass.org

*If you would like to participate in the convention, please feel free to contact Program or Al-Anon Contacts.

☞ **Old-Timers (85+ years) Luncheon** ☞
Linda V., 508-277-0877

☞ **Convention Hospitality Suite** ☞

Sue A., 978-544-8196 or Mary N., 978-454-8927

☞ **Group & District Donations Welcome!** ☞

☞ **Onsite Registration Available!** ☞

48th MA STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

November 11-13, 2011

[NOTE: One form per person. Please print clearly.]

NAME: _____

BADGE NAME: _____

(As you would like it to appear on your badge.)

ADDRESS: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone (evening): _____

Email: _____

(Confirmation will be emailed.)

Are you a member of? AA Al-Anon Other _____

Sobriety date (optional): _____

Do you have any Special Needs?

Please contact the committee for information and assistance.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE: \$15.00

SATURDAY BANQUET:

Please Circle one: Beef / Chicken / Vegetarian \$40.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

CHECK or MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

"Mass State Convention"

(Deadline: 10/31/2011)

Mailing Address:

Registration
48th MA State Convention
P.O. Box 361
Weymouth, MA 02188



HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

November 11-13, 2011

Hotel Reservations are made directly with the Sheraton Framingham Hotel.

☞ Reserve Your Room ONLINE!

Hotel reservations may be made online at:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/48mstate>

☞ Or, Reserve by PHONE:

Toll-free: 800 325-3535

Local: 508 879-7200

When making reservations, please ask for the

"Massachusetts State Convention Room Block."

Room rates* per night (before taxes):

\$ 125.00 Single/Double

\$ 135.00 Triple/Quad

Rollaway beds available, by request only, for a nominal charge.

*Deadline for these rates is November 5, 2011.

* Please contact the hotel directly to confirm room accommodations for Special Needs.

Food free to duplicate this form & Pass 71 Out!

MY CHECKLIST, NOT YOURS

Gossip barbed with our anger, a polite form of murder by character assassination, has its satisfactions for us, too. Here we are not trying to help those we criticize; we are trying to proclaim our own righteousness.

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, P.67

Sometimes I don't realize that I gossiped about someone until the end of the day, when I take an inventory of the day's activities, and then, my gossiping appears like a blemish in my beautiful day. How could I have said something like that? Gossip shows its ugly head during a coffee break or lunch with business associates, or I may gossip during the evening, when I'm tired from the day's activities, and feel justified in bolstering my ego at the expense of someone else.

Character defects like gossip sneak into my life when I am not making a constant effort to work the Twelve Steps of recovery. I need to remind myself that my uniqueness is the blessing of my being, and that applies equally to everyone who crosses my path in life's journey. Today the only inventory I need to take is my own. I'll leave judgment of others to the Final Judge- Divine Providence. Copyright © Daily Reflections, p. 297

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1 year (12 Issues) = \$27

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1. Call 1 (800) 631-6025
2. Online at: http://www.aagrapevine.org/catalog/shop_gvsuborder.php
3. Mail completed subscription form (see below) with payment to: GRAPEVINE; PO Box 422488; Palm Coast, FL 32142-6997

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FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI) accepts information regarding AA related events to be included in the website calendar. Let us know if you have an event you would like publicized. Please email information to the Office Manager at:

webmaster@aaworcester.org

MEETING NEWS

MEETING CHANGES/MOVES: the SATURDAY NIGHT HOW IT WORKS MEETING AT CHL IS NO LONGER MEETING. The 11th STEP IN THE PARK meeting in Clinton on Wednesday nights is NO LONGER MEETING. Also the Sunday morning There Is Hope group has MOVED to St. Casimir's Church, 22 Waverly St.

NEW MEETINGS: She Means Business (CDW) meets from 5-6PM on Tuesday nights at Bethel Lutheran, 90 Bryn Mawr in Auburn. Tuesday night in Northboro : Desire to Stop Drinking—(OB12). Meets 6-7 PM at 45 Howard Street. Saturday morning in Harvard: Happy, Joyous and Free—(OD) meets from 9-10 a.m. at St. Teresa's 15 Still River Rd. **MEETING SPACE**

AVAILABLE: Meeting space is now available for AA meetings at Veterans Inc., 59 South St., Shrewsbury, MA. For more information please contact: Susan Boucher at 508-791-1213, x132.



Subscription

Form

Please fill out form, enclose your payment, and mail to
The Beacon
 100 Grove Street Suite 314
 Worcester Mass. 01605

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

COUNTRY (If other than USA) _____ E

-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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12 Step Volunteer Application

Name (First name and last initial): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Towns you will accept calls from: _____

Hours that you are available: _____

I wish to help: Males Only Females Only BothAges I am willing to work with: Teens 20 to 30 30 to 40 40 to 50 50 to 60 Over 60

Other (Please specify) _____

MAIL TO: Worcester Area Intergroup
100 Grove St., Suite 314
Worcester, MA 01605

I am willing to: (please circle all that apply)

Talk to a person on the phone Go to a persons home to talk *Give rides to AA Meetings Give rides to Detox *Meet someone at a meeting Other (please specify) _____

*It is suggested that a person NOT go on a twelfth step call alone to help an alcoholic who is still suffering. Also you should NOT drive a wet drunk to a treatment facility (detox) without having another A.A. member with you. If you circled either of these items, please be sure that you have another member of A.A. that is willing to go along with you.